

access to a large eye pathology collection. One criticism that has been made is that the illustrations are not tied into the text. If this had been done it is obvious that the book could not be sold for its present sale price, which incidentally is very reasonable for such a book.

As this is a first edition there are occasional errors of fact which will undoubtedly be corrected in future editions.

The format is excellent; the paper good, the printing easily legible and, as already stated, the illustrations are beautifully printed.

The aim of the committee was "to provide a text embodying the requirements in histopathology for Board certification, to further instruction of residents in hospitals with limited teaching and laboratory facilities, and to furnish a convenient course for the ophthalmologist pursuing study in the pathology of his specialty." However, the volume must be considered not a substitute for the actual study of microscopic slides but an important adjunct to the study of the slides.

The book succeeds admirably in its aim and is recommended without reservation.

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**PROGRESS IN FUNDAMENTAL MEDICINE.** Edited by J. F. A. McManus, M.D., University of Virginia, with ten outstanding contributors. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia, 1952. 316 pages, 74 illustrations and 2 plates in color, \$9.00.

This volume consists of a series of essays on "topics of current clinical and pathologic importance." The subjects were chosen, according to the editor, "because information is being added about them" and were gathered together in a volume because of the view that newer material as published in scientific journals or in textbooks "may fail to reach the attention of some doctors." This point of view is not shared by the present reviewer.

The volume is physically attractive and the discussions, written by contributors to the field in each case, are generally good. That on pathology of systemic lupus erythematosus by Klemperer is outstanding. Other subjects concern protein hydrolysates and other aspects of parenteral nutrition (Cannon), the liver (G. K. and T. B. Mallory), coronary artery disease (Paterson), non-silica pneumoconioses (Wyatt), melanotic tumors of the skin (Cunningham), carcinoma in situ of the cervix uteri (Stoddard and Cuyler), the diagnosis of fungus infections with particular reference to staining methods (Kligman), and a survey of techniques for the histochemical approach to pathology (McManus). The discussions emphasize pathological aspects but include clinical ones as well. Each offers a list of references. There is a general index.

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**DISEASES OF THE SKIN—A Manual for Students and Practitioners.** First compiled by the late Robert W. MacKenna, M.A., M.D., Ch.B. (Edin.). Fifth Edition compiled by Robert M. B. MacKenna, M.A., M.D. (Camb.), F.R.C.P. (Lond.), Physician-in-Charge of the Dermatological Department and Lecturer in Dermatology, St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Medical College, London. Distributed by Williams and Wilkins Co., Baltimore, 1952. 611 pages, \$8.00.

The fifth edition of this time-honored British text has been brought thoroughly up to date. It is well illustrated with numerous black-and-white and colored photographs of excellent quality. It can be highly recommended. However, one of the standard American texts would probably be preferable for undergraduate students in the United States schools.

The dosage of superficial x-ray therapy recommended for certain benign conditions (for example, flat warts of the face and hemangiomas) would be considered dangerously high by most American dermatologists.

The omission of a bibliography makes the book less valuable as a reference.

**KITCHEN STRATEGY—The Family Angle on Nutrition.** Leona M. Bayer, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine; and Edith Green, Television Cooking Expert, San Francisco. Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Springfield, 1952. 94 pages, \$3.75.

The authors have assembled basic and pertinent information on nutrition and have oriented it in a practical fashion for the homemaker upon whom the success of a therapeutic dietary prescription rests. There is much useful information for those who are interested in feeding a family intelligently, well, and economically, and at the same time meeting the prescriptive requirements of a sick member of the family. The information is interestingly presented and is easy to comprehend. The menus for the common illnesses are simple and helpful, and should be welcome not only to the homemaker but also to the physician. It is the mutual understanding between these two which insures the proper care for the patient who must adhere to a nutritional dietary program.

The table of menu planning in which the simple food for the child is altered in a more palatable form for the more sophisticated members of the family is full of helpful suggestions. The last half of the book is devoted to recipes and suggestions designed to add interest to the dietary routine of menus.

This book could be recommended to housewives, since it brings together much information, which although available perhaps elsewhere, here carries the authority of a physician.

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**SURGERY OF THE EYE—Third Revised Edition.** Meyer Wiener, M.D., Emeritus Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, Washington University School of Medicine; and Harold G. Scheie, M.D., D.Sc., F.A.C.S., Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, the Medical School and Hospital, and Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. Grune and Stratton, New York, 1952. 449 pages, \$15.00.

This book is a revised third edition of 449 pages and 15 chapters. The preface describes the changes in the book. The book is very readable and has good illustrations. The chapter on basic techniques in ophthalmic surgery is very good. The chapter on cataract surgery outlining the various types of sections, closures and extraction techniques is exceptionally good. The chapter on glaucoma upon which Dr. Scheie has done outstanding work is very thorough, clear cut and specific.

This book is a good supplement to our present books on surgery.

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**THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY.** Published monthly by the Williams & Wilkins Company, Baltimore, Md. \$10.00 per year.

In January 1953 appeared Volume 1, Number 1 of the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. Willard O. Thompson, M.D., the editor, feels that the problems of our steadily enlarging aged population justify the establishing of another publication in the new specialty of geriatrics. The founder and secretary of the society, Malford W. Thewlis, M.D., suggests that we come within the scope of the geriatrician at 40, an age these days scarcely on the horizon of middle age. It is the intention of the editor to present clinical studies of geriatric problems, and the first issue contains excellent articles on some disorders of the aged in the fields of medicine, surgery, urology, gynecology, radiology, otorhinolaryngology and psychiatry. There is a section of abstracts of current geriatric literature. Aside from considerations as to whether or not this new journal fills a need, the format is attractive and the material nicely arranged and presented.